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CLEVELAND, ALA.,

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to order by former Moderator.
2. Permanent organization.
3. Call for correspondence.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appoint temporary committees—
   (a) On devotion.
   (b) On deceased ministers.
   (c) On nominations.
   (d) On Finance.
6. Appoint standing committees—
   (a) On Sabbath Schools.
   (b) On State missions.
   (c) On Home missions.
   (d) On Foreign missions.
   (e) On orphanage and orphans.
   (f) On education and ministerial education.
   (g) On report of trustees of Walnut Grove College.
   (h) On institute work.
   (i) On religious literature.
7. Appoint delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.
8. Report of executive committee.
9. Appointment of the executive committee by the Moderator.
10. Report of committees.
11. Report of Treasurer.
12. Provide for printing of minutes.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Adjournment.

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Farncis Tidwell, Tidwell.
A H Holcomb, Cleveland.
J E Bailey, Holly Pond.
W H Absher, Hanceville.
Allen Dorman, McLarty.
W J Lee, Adville.
E M Bowerman, Joy.
W A Alexander, Walnut Grove.
S O Howard, Oneonta.
H W Head, Blountsville.
W M Cole, Blountsville.
J W Crumbley, Oneonta.
G S Sloan, Rosa.
J C Whatley, Holly Pond.
Jesse Brown, High Mound.
H G B Bynum, Snead.
G W Sanders, Walnut Grove.
W T Churchwell, Springville.
S R Burson, Brooksville.
W P Groover, Friendship.
A E C Sims, Whitesville.
G A Chunn, Blountsville.
J C Buckner, Oneonta.
S J Cox, Gum Spring.
T J Chamblee, Gum Spring.
A A Pannell, Walnut Grove.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

J T Whitaker, Holly Pond.
R A Mann, Hunt.
H C Bradley, Oneonta.

MINUTES

Cleveland, Ala., Oct. 19, 1900.

The Warrior River Baptist Association convened in its Forty-second Annual Session in the Baptist church at Cleveland.

Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. W. H. Absher using 13, 14, 15 and 16 verses of the 11th chapter of Hebrews.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Body called to order by Bro. Allen Dorman, former Moderator. Prayer by Bro J. H. Pool.

Appointed Brethren W. M. Cole, J. H. Pool and W. Y. Adams to read letters.

Read letters and enrolled messengers as follows:—

Antioch—B M Garner, F P Morris, S M Hipp, R A Mann, L Blankenship.
Austin Creek—A L Pass, D M Fowler, E K Head, W M Walker.
Big Warrior—A R Head, W Adcock.
Brooksville—P G Alldredge, D P Coley, S O Howard.
Blountsville—Robert Steele, A S T Graves, John Moore, George Walker.
Bethel—H G B Bynum.
Cedar Grove—J I Green, A J Sims, Jr., J M Murphree.
Cleveland—A M Ellis, J M Head, J W Hanes.
County Line—W R Marsh.
Friendship—J H Nix
Guins Cove—J S Musgrove.
Holly Pond—F M Evins.
Harmony—W L Ellison, A F Whitley, Hiram Saye.
Liberty Hill—E M Cox, B F Blankenship, W C Campbell.
Liberty—James Carnes, A S Lowry, O A Steele.
Mulberry—E R Moore.
Mt. Carmel—H C Bradley, O F Buckner.
Mt. Pisgah—W A Alexander, J T Alexander, Charles Temple, J J Reese.
Mt. Pleasant—H H Turley.
Mt. Tabor—T J Chamblee, J W Ratliff, S J Cox, P H Ratliff, D M Busler.
Macedonia—Allen Dorman, Y B Rhodes, Spurgeon Robinett, John Roberts, I W Wallace, O E Wood.
New Prospects—W R Barker, J A Johnston, Henry Wilson.
Oak Grove—W G Dutton, W T Walker, J D Morgan, J B Jett.
Pine Grove—J W Crumbley, G S Sloan, J T Walker, A J Griffin,
Pine Bluff—R A Tidwell, L T Findley.

The election of officers being next in order, Bro. J. H. Pool, Bro. W. Y. Adams, and Bro. B. E. Jackson, by appointment of the Moderator, took the ballot. Bro. H. W. Head was elected Moderator, O. A. Steele. Clerk and I. T. Stephens, Treasurer.

Called for correspondents, when Bro. B. E. Jackson and Bro. A. C. Ledbetter from the Cullman Association. Bro. J. H. Pool from the Mineral Springs Assocition and Bro. W. Y. Adams, from Etowah Association were recognized and granted the privilege of the floor.

Called for petitionary letters, when Pleasant Mount church presented a letter, asking for admission into our Association. The letter was read, the church received, the Moderator extended to the messengers from said church, the right hand of fellowship, and the following brethren were enrolled as messengers: W. T. Churchwell, James Armstrong and E. W. Brown.

Appointed committee on devotion as follows:—Allen Dorman, W. L. Ellison, and the deacons of Cleveland church.

Called for the report of Committee on Devotion, which was read "Bro. A. A. Pannel to preach Friday night, Bro. J. H. Pool to preach Saturday at 11 o'clock."

Called for the report of Committee on revision of order of business which was read by O. A. Steele. On motion report was laid over to eight o'clock Saturday morning.

The Association adjourned to eight o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Bro. G. A. Chunn.

7:30 P. M. Preaching by Bro. A. A. Pannel.

SATURDAY 8 o'clock A. M

Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Crumbley.

Appointed temporary committees as follows:—

On Deceased Ministers—Robert Steele, F P Morris, J M Pass.

On Nominations—D P Coley, T J Chamblee, J W Crumbley.

On Letters and Documents—P G Alldredge, W G Dutton, G S Sloan.

On Finance—W L Ellison, A R Head, J S Musgrove.

The Association having under consideration the report of the committee on revision of order of business, a substitute offered by

P. G. Alldredge was read, amended and adopted as it appears on inside of cover.

Read and corrected the roll.

Called for the report of the committee on temperance, which was read by O. A. Steele, discussed by O. A. Steele and G. A. Chunn, and adopted as follows:—

The meaning of temperance is not confined alone to the use of spirituous liquors. It means to be temperate in the doing of those things and in the use of those substances which are not hurtful neither produce hurtful results, absolutely abstain from doing those things or using those substances which are hurtful or which produce harmful results.

In the intemperate use of our tongues we often do great harm to our own christian character, to that of our brethren and to the church.

It is intemperate to use spirituous liquors in any form, because of its hurtful results. Its use has blighted more homes and broken more hearts and filled more untimely graves than any agency the devil has on earth. It is the sworn enemy of the church of God.

Brethren, in a spirit of love and with a motion for the advancement of the cause of Christ let us set ourselves against this mighty evil, teach our people that it is wrong, beseech them to put themselves at war with the devil and all his agencies, teach our children it will be ruinous in its effects sooner or later and that the safe way and the way which our Lord would approve is let it entirely alone. May God help us all to be temperate in thought, in word and acts and in all our lives.

Called for report of Committee on Orphanage and Orphans, which was read by G. A. Chunn, discussed by G. A. Chunn, W. M. Cole, P. G. Alldredge, W. Y. Adams, S. J. Cox, O. A. Steele and Allen Dorman, and adopted as follows:—

Our Orphans home was temporarily located at Evergreen in Jan. 1893, and on March the 10 following the first children were received under its protecting care. By Nov. of that year, we had received 22 children, and the little delapidated house was more than full, and a negro cabin in the corner of the yard had to be fitted up to hold the overflow of children. The trustees after having duly considered all possible places for a permanent location decided to let it remain permanently in Evergreen, and purchased an old home stead consisting of 80 acres of land, with a brick building with 10 rooms, and three tenant houses. This property was admirably located. The purchase price was $3000.00 in three installments, with interest on different payments. The amount actually paid was $5,400.32. This debt was duly paid, and the property was improved, and changed, and another building added,

and all debts for improvements were paid. No incumberance has ever been on the home. About 30 acres this land is in a farm, 30 in pasture, and 20 in woods. The boys are taught farm work, while the girls do various kinds of house work from scrubbing in the kitchen to the making of a dress. The family life of the children is about like that of any well regulated family. There are no written rules to govern the children, but they are taught to observe one rule that contains all others, viz: "Do right." While the physical and industrial life of the children are looked after carefully, their spiritual life is not neglected. Many of them have been baptized. All that are large enough attend Sunday School and church, and their regular family worship is held every evening.

The 136 children that have been received since the home was started came from 30 counties, as follows:—Autauga 2, Barbour 8, Bibb 2, Bullock 1, Butler 3, Chambers 1, Conecuh 2, Covington 8, Dallas 4, Elmore 4, Escambia 11, Hale 3, Henry 4 Jackson 1, Jefferson 15, Lamar 1, Lee 10, Limestone 1, Marengo 4, Mobile 2, Marion 4, Montgomery 8, Morgan 3, Pike 2, Russell 4, Shelby 1, Talladega 10, Tallapoosa 2, Tuscaloosa 9 and Walker 6. Of these 2 boys and 4 girls have died, 2 boys have been apprinticed, 2 boys and 1 girl have been regularly discharged, 13 boys and 17 girls have been returned to thgir people and 15 boys and 14 girls have been adopted, making 34 boys and 37 girls that have gone out from the home, leaving 29 boys and 36 girls in the home: 136 received, 71 gone out and 65 are now in the home.

The greatest need of the home is money or food for the regular support of these children, and a special urgent need is another building so that the children may have the proper care when they are sick. All the rooms are regularly occupied by the family and when the children are sick it is impossible to take the proper care of them, or to isolate them in case of contagious diseases. The Lord has said, "I was sick and ye visited me." Will not the Baptist of the Warrior River Association furnish their part of the money to fit up another building for these orphan children, so that when they are sick they may have the proper care? It takes about $10 a day for the regular support of these children. The home has no income except the free will offering of the friends of the home. Who will dare to say that these defenseless children should not be cared for? Why are there still 500 Baptist preachers in Alabama who so far as is known have never shown the least interest in this work? Why are there at least 1200 churches that have not been heard from? Your committee respectfully urge, that all pastors bring the needs of the work before their people, both for the regular support of the work, and also to help in any special work necessary. G. A. Chunn, Chairman.

Took public collection for the Orphanage, which amounted to $12.40.

Called for report of Committee an Education and Ministerial Education, which was read by O. A. Steele, discussed by H. G. B. By-

num, W. M. Cole, G. A. Chunn, Association adjourned pending the discussion of the report.

11 o'clock A. M.—Preaching by J. H. Peole.

1 o'clock P. M.—Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, prayer by W. M. Cole. Having under consideration the report of the Committtee on Education and Ministerial Education. The Discussion continued by Bro W. Y. Adams Bro. W. B. Crumpton was recognized in his capacity of Secretary of the State Board of Missions who continued discussion of report, also Bro. W. M. Cole spoke to the report.

Took subscription for Ministerial Education as follows: Austin Creek $4.00, Big Warrior by Wilson Adcock $1.00, Blountsville $5 00 Bethel by H G B Bynum $1 00, County Line by W. R. Marsh 50 cts. Holly Pond $5 00, Harmony $4 00, Liberty Hill $2 50, Liberty $10.00 Mt Pleasant $3.00, Macedonia $4.00, Mt. Tabor $2.00, Cleveland $4.00, Oak Grove $5.00, Pine Grove $2.50, Pine Bluff $4.00, Mt. Carmel by H. C. Bradley 50 cts., J. B. Bryan in cash 50 cts. Total pledges $58.50. Received in cash from William Walker for Austin Creek church $1.00, from S. J. Cox for Mt. Tabor church $2.00, from J. B. Bryan Liberty Hill 50 cts. Total cash received $3.50. Balance due on subscription $55 00. Rev G. S. Sloan made the closing speech on the report and the same was adopted as follows:—

Your committee recognize the great importance of education as a factor in the advancement of our Master's Kingdom. We would especially emphasize christian education. Brethren, God forbid that we should leave the education of our children to others, especially skeptics. To meet the demands, we have Howard College, Judson Institute, Central Female Institute, and our own school at Walnut Grove under the management of an experienced faculty. The property, valued at $3000 00, is ours. The work done is the very best. Examples of the work are before us. Last session was good; the present opened well. A. A Pannell and G. W. Sanders are students for the ministry in the school at Walnut Grove. Let us stand by our schools. H. G. B. Bynum, Chairman.

Called for report of the Executive Committee which was read by A. F. Whitley, discussed by W. Y Adams, and adopted as follows:—

We your committee would report the following:—We held a meet-

ing at Mt. Pleasant in November, and agreed to give Bro. S. J. Cox $1 per trip to serve Big Warrior, and R. C. Ledbetter $1 per trip for mission work three miles west of Blountsville, and we have paid them for the same; to S. J. Cox $7 and R. C. Ledbetter $10, total $17.00. We find that there is yet a destitution some 7 or 8 miles from any Baptist church where there are a few Baptist and they want preaching, and we recommend that they have help We find the Association in good condition and out of debt with $3 51 in the treasury. We most cheerfully recommend the church Institute work proposed by Bro. W. Y. Adams and recommend that this body endorse him and that the brethren sustain him in the same, as we believe it will be a grand and glorious work in building up and disciplining our common Zion. Respectfully submit'ed, A. F. Whitley, Chairman.

Called for report of committee on Missions which was read by A. R. Head, and discussed by W. B. Crumpton. Pending the discussion, the Association adjourned until seven o'clock. Prayer by S J. Cox.

NIGHT SESSION.—Prayer by H. G. B. Bynum, The Association having under consideration the report on Missions, the discussion of the same was continued by W. B. Crumpton and G. A. Chunn. On motion the report was amended so as to pledge ourselves to raise $400 for Missions to be applied as suggested by the contributor. The report was then adopted as follows:—

We your committee would submit the following:—State Missios: The object of State Missions has been to supply the destitute; organize churches and assist weak churches in securing pastors, but the greatest need of to-day seems to be the indoctrinating the churches already organized and for the accomplishment of this work we would recommend the holding of Institutes, such as are held by Bro. Anderson.

Home Missions: The Home Mission fund is turned over to the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga. Its field is the Southern States and the island of Cuba It operates in the large cities, among the negroes, the Indians, the foreign populations and among the Cubans. It is assisting also some in Alabama. Our brethren are urged to take and read Our Home Field published at Atlanta, ten cents a year.

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Foreign Missions: Of all the calls and demands for mission work the Foreign appears to be the greatest at present. There are calls for more missionaries and the fields demand an answer to the call. God is calling upon his people through the presentation of the needs of the millions without the Gospel. The receipts of the board from May 1st to Sept. 15th were $21,844 51 which is fairly good: yet we have fallen behind and still owe, Sept. 15, $14,139.08, which debt should be paid as speedily as possible. We would urge the pastors and members of the churches to take The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., 35 cts. a year, and better inform themselves along the line of mission work. Our opportunities at this time are great, and our responsibilities are just as great. Let us not shrink from duty, but in the name and strength of our blessed Master let us "Go forward." We would urge regular collections in the churches for all these purposes. The Association agrees to try to raise $400.00 for missions to be applied as the contributors may direct. Respectfully submitted, W. H. Absher, Chairman.

Appointed Standing Committees as follows:—

On Sabbath Schools—O A Steele, G E Pass and A S T Graves.

On State Missions—S J Cox, A R Head and J S Musgrove.

On Home Missions—W M Cole, Frank Tidwell and J K Nix.

On Foreign Missions—G A Chunn, A A Pannell and J I Green.

On Orphans and Orphanage—Allen Dorman, A J Griffin and J W Ratliff.

On Education and Ministerial Education—A H Holcomb, W A Alexander and G S Sloan.

On Institute Work—J W Crumbley, J E Bailey and W H Absher.

On Religious Literature—H E Mitchell, C L Hearn and Y B Rhodes.

Appointed as delegates to the State Convention, W A Alexander, H W Head, G A Chunn, Chas Temple, J J Reese and H G B Bynum.

Bro. P. G. Alldredge was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention with Bro. W. M. Cole as alternate.

Called for report of committee on Deceased Ministers which was read by Robert Steele and adopted as read:—

We your committee on Deceased Ministers beg leave to report that according to the letters from the several churches that not one of our ministers have died during this associational year for which we are truly thankful. Respectfully submitted,

Robert Steele, Chairman

Called for report of Finance Committee, which was read by W. L. Ellison, and adopted as follows:—

We your committee on Finance have received contributions to the amount of $129.39 to be used and divided as below:—

Churches	Minute Funds	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans Home	Ministerial Education
Antioch	$2 00	$ 50	$.	$ 50	$1 00	$
Austin Creek	1 60	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 00
Big Wrrrior	50			1 00	1 50	25
Brooksville	1 10		1 00	2 35		
Blountsville	1 50	2 00	4 00	1 45	2 00	
Bethel	80		1 87		1 91	
Cedar Grove	50			3 50	2 50	
County Line	1 25			1 10	1 65	
Friendship	1 81			3 20	2 71	
Guin's Cove	50					
Holly Pond	1 25	1 00			2 02	
Harmony	1 85	2 35		2 40	2 60	
Liberty Hill	90		80		2 15	
Liberty	2 20	1 00	92		1 93	50
Mulberry	75	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	
Mt. Pleasant	1 60		30		2 00	
Mt. Pisgah	1 30			2 70	2 00	
Macedonia	1 50		70	4 25	2 65	
Mt. Tabor	1 50	1 58	1 58	1 59	1 50	1 50
New Prospect	75		75			
Cleveland	1 75			2 71		
Oak Grove	80			4 55	1 70	
Pine Grove	1 00		1 00	1 11		
Pine Bluff	1 25					
Mt. Carmel	1 25			40		
Pleasant Mt.	1 00					
	32 21	10 43	14 92	35 31	33 32	3 25

Institute Work: Blountsville $1 00.

Vouchers: Liberty $3.67, Mt. Pleasant $1.25; total $4.92.

Public collection for Orphans Home $12.40.

Total amount received, $141.79, all of which we have paid to the Treasurer and have his receipt.

W L. Ellison, Chairman.

Called for report of committee on Nominations, which was read by D. P. Coley and adopted as follows:—

We your committee on Nominations, nominate Liberty church as the place for holding our next Association to commence on Friday before the Third Sunday in October, 1901; Dr. W. M. Cole to preach the Introductory Sermon with W. A. Alexander as alternate; A. A. Pannell to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sunday at 11 a. m., with H. G. B. Bynum as alternate. We recommend that the present trustees of Walnut Grove College be retained. D. P. Coley.

Called for report of Treasurer which was read by I. T. Stephens and adopted as read:

I. T. Stephens in account with the Warrior River Baptist Association.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Bal. carried over from last year	$11.71	Paid Clerk Minute Fund	$30.25
Rec'd of Finance Committee for		J M McCord for	
Minute Fund	$30.25	Foreign Missions	35.49
State Missions	8.55	Home "	13.40
Home "	13.40	State "	8.55
Foreign "	35.49	Paid Orphans Home	41.89
Orphans Home	32.89	Paid Walnut Grove College	10.00
Indigent Ministers	1.50	Paid Foreign Mission Board	5.00
Insurance on Walnut G. Col.	10.00	Paid A A Pannell	2.00
Collection for Orphans Home	9.00	Paid S J Cox to aid Big Warrior	7.00
Collection for Missions	9.05	Paid R C Ledbetter for Mission	
Rec'd from Blountsville church for		work near Blountsville	10.00
Foreign Missions	5.00	Paid W J Lee, an Indigent Min.	1.50
A. A. Pannell	2.00	Paid for Postage	25
		State Mission fund on hand	3.51
Total	$168.84	Total	$168 84

Oct. 20, 1900. I. T. Stephens, Treasurer.

On motion the Executive Committee was directed to expend the money raised for Ministerial Education as they think best.

At the request of the Association Bro. J. H. Poole and Bro. W. B. Crumpton, discussed the Baptist Young Peoples Union.

At the request of Bro. S. J. Cox, he was relieved of preaching the Missionary sermon, and it was preached by Bro. W. B. Crumpton. Association adjourned to nine o'clock Sunday morning. Prayer by W. B. Crumpton.

SUNDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by J. H. Poole.

Called for report of Committee on Letters and Documents, Which was read by G. S. Sloan and adopted as follows:—

We your committee on Letters and Documents are pleased to report, That from reading of the letters of the churches we have gleaned the following facts, 1st. That the Association will not go begging this year as four of our churches have asked for the next meeting. 2nd. That there has been a healthy increase in the membership of most all our churches. 3rd. That several have reported revivals and nice ingatherings, for which let us all thank the Lord of the Harvest. 4th. That no complaints or grievances are reported in any of the letters. We regret to have to state however that out of the 24 churches reported this year there are only 11 that report Sabbath Schools and only 2 that report regular prayer meetings, which shows some progress in these directions but leaves room for more.

Respect. P. G. Alldredge, Chairman.

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved that the Warrior River Baptist Association tender its sincerest thanks to the brethren of Cleveland church and to the citizens of the community for its royal manner they have entertained and cared for our Association during this session, and also to Bro. Emerson of the Methodist church for courtesies extended by him during our session. S. J. Cox

On motion the Association was divided into two districts instead of four. The Warrior River being the line between the two districts Any church having the right on petition to membership in other district. The district meetings to be held on each fifth Sunday. In the district west of the river, the first fifth Sunday meetings, to be held with Austin Creek church. In the district east of the river, the first meeting to be held with Pine Bluff church. On the first fifth Sunday meetings, will discuss at least three subjects of the New Century programme; and that the officers of the church where these meetings are held, will arrange the programme.

On motion the clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services, and to use the remainder of the minute money in printing and mailing the minutes.

Read, corrected and adopted minutes,

Took collection for Big Warrior church which amounted to $7.-26, turned the same over to the Treasurer.

Called for report of Committee on Sabbath schools, which was read by W. B. Crumpton, and discussed by W. B. Crumpton, P. G. Alldredge, G. A. Chunn, O. A. Steele, J. H. Poole and S. J. Cox, and adopted as follows:—

The Sunday School cause is making progress. Not many years back we had to fight opposition—the opposers many times being preachers. Now the opposition can be found only in the districts where there is the greatest ignorance. Many of our pastors after serving a church for a year and failing to secure the organization of a Sunday School, refuse to continue their services with such a church. In most of our churches we have preaching only one Sunday in the month; the New Testament churches met every Lords day. Baptists claim that their churches are modeled after the New Testament pattern—we are certainly far astray from the early churches in regard to our Sunday worship. It may be a church does not feel itself able to maintain preaching oftener than one Sunday in the month; but that does not stand in the way of the church meeting together every Lords day for worship and the study of Gods word.

This we ought to do whether we have a preacher or not.

The helps to the proper understanding of the Bible are so numerous and so cheap there can be no excuse on that line. Pupils of every age can be supplied with exactly the grade of helps they need.

The Home department of the Sunday School is one important part of its work. Many people by reason of affliction, age and infirmity are deprived the privilege of meeting with their brethren for the study of Gods word. Whenever they signify their willingness they should be furnished regular with literature and their names enrolled on the list of Sunday School pupils in the Home department. Great good is being done to this neglected portion of our membership and we would recommend to all our schools the inauguration of this important branch. The Convention Series furnished by the Baptist Sunday School board at Nashville, Tenn., Rev. J. M. Frost, Sec'ty, puts within the reach of our people the very best literature at a reasonable price. All profit arising from the sale of literature is returned to the denomination in the way of gifts of Bibles, tracts

and religious books.

This year the Board generously donated to our State Board of mission three hundred dollars worth of Bibles, tracts and good books.

W. B. Crumpton.

On motion the Association adjourned the said adjournment to take effect, after the Missionary Sermon is preached.

Missionary Sermon was preached by W. B. Crumpton, after which public collection was taken, amounting to $13 35. After which the Association adjourned finally to meet with Liberty church on Friday before the third Sunday in October 1901.

H. W. Head, Moderator.

O. A. Steele, Clerk.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this Assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, relief of the poor, and spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our own kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness, and distress; to cultivate christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and the principles of God's word.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WARRIOR RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in the union and also of all ordained ministers, who are in good standing in their own churches; provided such churches are members of this Association, and shall be known as the Warrior River Baptist Association.

2. Each church shall send a letter to the Association by its messengers, giving the number baptized, received and dismissed by letter, excluded, restored or died during the Associational year, total membership in fellowship, time of monthly meeting together with the contribution for minutes and other purposes.

3. This Association shall be considered merely an advisory council claiming no authority over the rights and privileges of the individual churches, nor constituting itself an eclesiastical court to sit in judgment on church difficulties. It is agreed, however that this Association may appoint a committee of the body for the purpose of reconciling church difficulties, provided such interference is asked by such confused church or part of a church, and it is further agreed that the Association shall have the right to withdraw fellowship from any church that departs from the faith and order of the Gospel.

4. Each church shall be entitled to send three messengers to this Association and one additional messenger for every twenty-five after the first fifty members; and should any church fail to represent herself, she shall state the reason for such failure in her next letter to the Association.

5. Any baptist church may be admitted into the Association by sending a petitionary letter and messengers. If upon investigation she is found to be orthodox and orderly, the Moderator shall extend her messengers the right hand of fellowship.

6. The Association shall elect, annually, from the body a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations, preserve order and see that the rules of decorum are faithfully carried out by the members, decide all questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the body, and give the casting vote when the Association is equally divided. The Clerk shall faithfully record all the proceedings of the body and superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

7. This Association may adopt a plan for raising funds by voluntary contributions to defray the expenses of the Association, for supplying destitute churches and settlements in her bounds, with the preaching of the gospel and for any other purpose which she may deem proper, leaving every church member free to contribute as he may purpose in his heart. All funds raised thus shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable for the same to the Association and shall disburse it as the Association may direct.

8. This Association adopts the declaration of faith as published in Pendleton's Church Manual, and Mell's Parlimentary Practice Manual as its exponent of parlimentary law.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote, except in case of an alteration of, or amendment to, this constitution.

10. This Association shall elect annually one of her members to preach the introductory sermon, and one on the subject of missions.

11. The minutes shall be read and approved by the body and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. This constitution may be altered or amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided the alteration or amendment has been proposed at the previous meeting of the Association.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

I. Of the Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely in-

spired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instructions; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter: that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

II. Of the True God.

We believe that there is one, and only one living and true God, an infinite, intelligent spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love: that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. Of the Fall of Man.

We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which, all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or choice.

IV. Of the Way of Salvation.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is worthy of grace through the meditorial offices of the Son of God; who by appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior.

V. Of Justification.

We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secured to such as believe in him is justification, that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness

is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI Of the Freeness of Salvation.

We believe that the blessings of Salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condition.

VII. Of Grace in Regeneration.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consist in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine truth so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life.

VIII. Of Repentance and Faith.

We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties and also inseperable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness and of the ways of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our prophet, priest and king and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

IX Of God's Purpose of Grace.

We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that is a glorious display of God's sovering goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humanity, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imanitation of his mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe

the Gospel; that it is the foundation of christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

X. Of Sanctification.

We believe that sanctification is the process by which according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the word of God, self-examination self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

XI. Of the Perseverance of Saints.

We believe that such only are believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation

XII. Of the Harmony of the Law and the Gospel.

We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the scriptures ascribes to fallen man to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love to sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XIII. Of A Gospel Church.

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his work; that its only scriptural officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

XIV. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

We believe that christian baptism is immersion in water of a believer into the name of the Father and Son and Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified,

buried and risen Savior, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is pre-requisite to the privilege of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceeded always by solemn self-examination.

XV. Of the Christian Sabbath.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreation; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public: and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XVI. Of Civil Government.

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest of good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of our conscience, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII. Of the Righteous and Wicked.

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVIII. Of the World to Come.

We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day, Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.

STATISTICS OF THE WARRIOR RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1900.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last reported	Inc. by			Dec. by			Present Membership	Preaching Sun
					Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death		
Antioch	J W Crumbley	F P Smith	Liberty	109		2		7		1	102	3
Austin Creek	S J Cox	G E Pass	Joy	74	2	1	1	1	1		76	1
Big Warrior	S J Cox	R H Harden	Tidmore	19							19	3
Brooksville	M K Taylor	P G Alldredge	Brooksville	35	14	3	1				53	4
Blountsville	W H Absher	R B Simms	Blountsville	65	4	16	4				89	2
Bethel	Jesse Brown	R A Beshears	Snead	81	2	3		4	1	1	80	
Cedar Grove	E M Bowerman	J C Green	Joy	12	1	8				1	20	
Cleveland	S J Cox	J C Tidwell	Cleveland	83	2	3		2	1		77	1
County Line	T D Holcomb	W N Hannah	Gurleys Creek	39		4		3		1	38	4
Friendship	H G B Bynum	W A Carroll	Friendship	122		3	2	4	1	2	120	2
Gnin's Cove	T J Chambless	J F Musgrove	Bangor	22				1			21	2
Holly Pond	J E Baily	W T Whitaker	Holly Pond	137	2	13	1	10	8	4	125	
Harmony	W J Nash	W L Ellison	Walnut Grove	113	11	14		4		2	132	1
Liberty Hill	Allen Dorman	E M Cox	Royal	42	2	4	1	6	2	1		2
Liberty	W J Nash	O A Steele	Oneonta	128		2		5		1	124	2
Mulberry	H W Head	E R Moore	Hanceville	27		1					28	1
Mt. Carmel	W A Alexander	P J Jordan	Oneonta	45				2		2	41	4
Mt. Pisgah	J W Crumbley	R R Harris	Nix	65				1	2	1	61	3
Mt. Pleasant	A A Pannell	G W Tomlin	Clarence	57	4	8		3			66	1
Mt. Tabor	S J Cox	J W Ratliff	Gum Spring	91	4	6		3		3	95	3
Macedonia	W J Nash	Jno L Cox	Bowen	73	16	12		2		2	99	2
New Prospect	W A Alexander	W R Barker	Clarence	57	5	4	1	2	1		67	2
Oak Grove	A A Pannell	W G Dutton	Bangor	105	19	6	1	6	5	1	117	2
Pine Grove	J W Crumbley	W D Redman	Hendricks	72		6		8		3	67	4
Pine Bluff	E M Bowerman	L T Fendley	Chepultepec	75	4	1		1		2	76	3
Pleasant Mt.	W T Churchwel	W T Mullins	Springville	7	11	10					28	
Total				1754	104	130	12	74	22	28	1821	

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